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E. BRUSSELS 7562, DTG 261306Z AUG 75

F. BONN 13487, DTG 251744Z AUG 75

1. DANISH CHARGE VILLADSEN HAS INFORMED DEPUTY DEFENSE ADVISOR
(BG SEIGLE) THAT HE MADE DEMARCHE SEPT. 3 TO NETHERLANDS PERMREP
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HARTOGH EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER PROPOSED NETHERLANDS FORCE REDUCTIONS. VILLADSEN SAID THRUST OF DANISH DEMARCHE WAS DISAPPOINTMENT THAT NETHERLANDS HAD ACTED SO SOON AFTER CSCE CONCLUSION, AND BEFORE RESUMPTION OF MBFR NEGOTIATIONS, THEREBY HIGHLIGHTING

AN APPARENT NATO WEAKENING OF WILL AND UNANIMITY. HE FURTHER EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT NETHERLANDS HAD FOREGONE OPPORTUNITY TO PERMIT REAL CONSULTATIONS, AS PART OF ANNUAL NATO DEFENSE PLANNING REVIEW.

2. HARTOGH INDICATED TO VILLADSEN THAT NETHERLANDS DEFMIN VREDELING DESIRES EARLY NATO CONSULTATIONS IN ORDER TO ENSURE PARLIAMENTARY CONSIDERATION OF NATO VIEWS (I.E., RESERVATIONS) DURING UPCOMING DEBATE, AND POSSIBLE CABINET RE-EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS.

COMMENT: VILLADSEN BELIEVES THAT NETHERLANDS PROPOSAL IS NOT REPEAT NOT A FAIT ACCOMPLI, AND THAT PRESENT SERIES OF DEMARCHES MAY PROVIDE AMMUNITION WHICH WILL LEAD TO MODIFICATION OR PARTIAL DEFERRAL OF PROPOSED REDUCTIONS. WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY DANISH AND BELGIAN (REF E) DEMARCHES. FRG DELEGATION INFORMS US THAT BONN PLANS DEMARCHE EITHER IN BONN OR THE HAGUE OR BOTH, POSSIBLY PARALLELED BY FRG-NETHERLANDS DEMARCHE AT NATO HEAD-QUARTERS. IT APPEARS THAT HARTOGH AND POSSIBLY VREDELING ARE TRYING TO TELL ALLIES TO KEEP THE HEAT ON. END COMMENT.BRUCE

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